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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were unchanged in New York when compared to the previous report. The market tone was steady. Retail demand was light to mostly moderate, instances fairly good in areas where features were a factor. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate, at times available in spot locations. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to fully adequate for the light demand. Light type fowl were fully sufficient for the moderate demand.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Midwest store door and warehouse delivered prices were lower for all sizes. Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand ranged light to fairly good, and was reported as improved, especially in areas with feature activity. Food service movement was light to at times fairly good. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for current needs and were being held with improved confidence. Central states breaking stock prices ranged unchanged with checks and undergrades unchanged. Demand was mostly light for the adequate to fully adequate offerings. Floor stocks were balanced to adequate. Schedules full-time to part-time. Trade sentiment mostly steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI - Prices paid to producers.		
			RANGE	MOSTLY	
EXTRA LARGE	45-55	46-52			
LARGE	44-54	45-48	LARGE	27-36	31
MEDIUM	31-41	33-36	MEDIUM	14-20	18
			SMALL	8-12	

MIDWEST AREA: IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV, Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Weekly prices were lower on all sizes when compared to the previous week's values. Trade sentiment was steady. Demand was light to moderate with some improvement noted in areas where retail features were a factor. Supplies ranged adequate to available for trade needs. Breaking stock supplies from regular sources were usually limited for the light demand. Schedules were normal to reduced. Spent hens were fully adequate for the at least moderate demand. Processing schedules were reported as mostly normal to less than normal.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	55-70	56-59
LARGE	49-63	54-58
MEDIUM	35-48	40-42

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were lower for all sizes. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand moderate to fairly good and noted as improved in areas with feature activity. Food service movement was light to at times fairly good. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for current needs and were being held with improved confidence. Central states breaking stock prices ranged unchanged with checks and undergrades unchanged. Demand was mostly light while offerings were adequate to fully adequate. Floor stocks were balanced to adequate. Schedules full-time to part-time. Trade sentiment mostly steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	58.5-67	60-63
LARGE	55.5-64	57-60
MEDIUM	40.5-49	42-45

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR, AZ, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, and TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Weekly prices were lower on all sizes when compared to previous week's values. The market tone was steady. Demand was light to moderate, slightly better where features were a factor. Supplies were adequate to available for present needs. Breaking stock offerings were usually limited for the light and unaggressive demand. Breaking schedules were normal to reduced. Light type fowl were fully adequate for the at least moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	53.5-68.25	55-58
LARGE	52-65	53-56
MEDIUM	37.5-55.25	38-42

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN, and southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged when compared to late last week's values. Trade sentiment was steady. Demand was light to mostly moderate. Supplies were sufficient for present trade requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	63-67
LARGE	61-65
MEDIUM	47-51

MIDWEST REGIONAL

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	52-61	54-58
LARGE	51-60	52-54
MEDIUM	38-47	41-43

WESTERN Prices 5 cents lower on jumbo, extra large, and large, 8 cents lower on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 3% higher than last week with California up 4% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 2%. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings adequate.

CALIFORNIA Prices 5 cents lower on jumbo, extra large, and large, 8 cents lower on medium and small. The California inventory was 4% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand improved. Offerings adequate. Small benchmark price 53. Ads in Northern California: major- large dozen 99, 18 pack 2 for \$3, buy 1 get 1 free.

California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	109
EXTRA LARGE	97
LARGE	87
MEDIUM	73

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA
	RANGE	RANGE
JUMBO	249-269	
EXTRA LARGE	219-289	NOT AVAILABLE
LARGE	99-199	
MEDIUM	189-205	

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending February 25, 2005 will decrease by 27 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending February 18, 2005 were 269,986 cases which was 30 percent above the prior week and 8 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	235,387	34,599	269,986

% change from the prior week.....	+35	+7	+30

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Breaking stock prices ranged unchanged to lower with checks and undergrades unchanged. Demand was mostly light while offerings were adequate to fully adequate and held with slightly less confidence than the end of last week. Floor stocks were balanced to adequate. Schedules full-time to part-time. Trade sentiment mostly steady.

PRICES PAID TO 11:00 AM, MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	29-33	31-33
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	17-21	18-20

CENTRAL STATES AREA:
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were slightly higher compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 21-FEB-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8-15.25 CENTS/LB.	11.5-12.75	11.97

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY HEN Majority prices were unchanged to slightly higher when compared to a week earlier. Demand was at least moderate for the about adequate offerings. Processing schedules noted as mostly normal. Sales of finished product were sufficient and clearing satisfactorily. The undertone was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 21-FEB-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8.25-15.5 CENTS/LB.	11.25-13	12.19

AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING
FOB PLANT

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- February 22, 2005

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO Northeast	SO CENT	SO CENT	SO Atl	5-Area Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	14.8	21.7	9.4	12.4	12.4	70.7
	Change	3.1	2.0	1.0	0.8	-0.2	10%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	31.6	54.0	13.2	31.0	36.4	166.2
	Change	1.7	-7.0	2.4	-1.6	2.1	-1%
Large	Curr Wk	76.8	174.3	64.8	117.2	126.5	559.6
	Change	9.1	16.5	4.5	9.3	-2.9	7%
Medium	Curr Wk	13.4	71.8	17.3	28.6	38.3	169.4
	Change	1.4	-3.1	-5.1	1.8	3.6	-1%
Small	Curr Wk	13.3	6.3	3.1	8.1	4.4	35.2
	Change	9.2	0.0	0.1	2.6	-0.1	50%
Misc	Curr Wk	6.4	20.5	7.2	13.8	5.4	53.3
	Change	-0.9	-2.1	-2.1	1.2	0.0	-7%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	27.6	59.9	43.3	35.1	32.3	198.2
	Change	-0.8	1.9	13.2	3.0	5.4	13%
Total	Curr Wk	183.9	408.5	158.3	246.2	255.7	1252.6
Percent	Change	14%	2%	10%	7%	3%	6%

TOTAL

	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	1252.6	6%	173
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	239.9	6%	35
Total Shell Egg	1492.5	6%	208

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 173 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI
South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

CANADIAN EGGS QUEBEC/MONTREAL: WHOLESALE PRICES- GRADED IN CARTONS (CANADIAN DOLLARS) AS REPORTED BY AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA, AISD, AID, POULTRY SECTION FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 7, 2005

GRADEA	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.86	1.83	1.74	1.16

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 7, 2005 AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS.

GRADEA	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.42	1.42	1.32	.77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR FEBRUARY 18, 2005

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS								TOTAL LOADS											
28.25								23.00								51.25											
SE				NE		MW		LOADS				SC				NW				SW				LOADS			
CLASS	ORG	DST		ORG	DST	ORG	DST		CLASS	ORG	DST		ORG	DST	ORG	DST		CLASS	ORG	DST		ORG	DST		ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	—	—		—	—	—	—	1.00	GL W XL	—	53.00		—	—	—	—	55.10	7.00									
GL W J	—	—		—	—			1.00	GL W LG	44.50	—		—	—	—	—	51.40	5.00									
GL W XL	—	—		—	—	42.13	—	9.00	GL W MD	—	—		—	—	—	—	39.68	6.25									
GL W LG	—	—		—	—	40.80	—	8.00																			
GL W MD	26.00	—		—	—	29.88	28.00	14.25																			
GL W SM	25.25	28.25		—	—	—	—	1.00																			
NRBS - 50	—	—		—	—	—	—	4.00																			
NRBS - 48	—	—		—	—	—	—	4.00																			
NRBS - 42	—	—		—	—	—	—	8.00																			

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 02/14/05-02/18/05

CURRENT LOADS 129.50								FUTURE LOADS 74.75				TOTAL LOADS 204.25					
SE		NE		MW				SC		NW		SW					
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS		
GNR W 1	32.67	38.50	34.20	35.25	—	36.00	15.00	GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00		
GNR W 2	—	33.00	—	—	—	—	2.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	62.00	1.00		
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	55.00	—	—	1.00	GL W XL	42.00	49.22	—	—	—	54.05	35.25		
GL W J	—	—	58.00	59.00	49.00	56.00	4.00	GL W LG	42.10	48.64	—	54.67	—	49.72	22.50		
GL W XL	—	47.00	42.63	47.07	41.61	—	52.00	GL W MD	32.00	32.00	—	38.50	—	38.73	12.50		
GL W LG	—	45.91	39.64	47.33	38.66	40.46	37.50	GL W SM	23.00	—	—	—	29.00	29.00	2.00		
GL W MD	26.00	33.50	31.00	32.50	27.78	29.08	40.75										
GL W SM	24.40	27.20	24.38	27.25	—	—	3.25										
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00										
NRBS - 48	—	28.57	27.00	28.00	27.50	32.09	57.00										
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	—	8.00										

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	02/14/05	02/07/05	02/16/04
PACIFIC COAST	409	428	270
LOS ANGELES	405	423	198

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS The market is steady on small size, lower on the balance. Supplies are adequate. Retail demand is moderate to good.

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	73.63
LARGE	69.63
MEDIUM	55.63
SMALL	45.00

CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS

(price per carton delivered to first receivers)

Brown Eggs	CENTS/CARTON	MOSTLY
Extra Large doz.	222 – 260	239 - 240
1/2 doz.	120 – 151	130 - 134
Large doz.	217 – 250	225 - 230
1/2 doz.	115 – 142	125 - 128

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